

# Declining Birth Rates (1950–1990)

## Abstract

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With the end of the baby boom in the late 1960s, birthrates declined dramatically in both German states. Both governments responded with a series of social policy measures for families and mothers, but it was only in East Germany that birthrates eventually increased.

## Source

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### Births and Deaths in the Territory of the Former Federal Republic (in thousands)

Year	Live births	Deaths	Surplus of births (+) or deaths (-)
1950	813	529	284
1960	969	643	326
1965	1,044	678	367
1970	811	735	76
1971	779	731	48
1972	701	731	-30
1973	636	731	-95
1974	626	728	-101
1975	601	749	-149
1976	603	733	-130
1977	582	705	-123
1978	576	723	-147
1979	582	712	-130
1980	621	714	-93
1981	625	722	-98
1982	621	716	-95
1983	594	718	-124
1984	584	696	-112
1985	586	704	-118
1986	624	700	-76
1987	642	687	-45
1988	677	688	-10
1989	681	698	-16
1990*	727	713	14

\* Preliminary results

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## Births and Deaths in the Territory of the Former GDR (in thousands)

Year	Live births	Deaths	Surplus of births (+) or deaths (-)
1950	304	220	84
1960	293	234	59
1965	281	230	51
1970	237	241	-4
1971	235	235	0
1972	200	234	-34
1973	180	232	-52
1974	179	229	-50
1975	182	240	-59
1976	195	234	-38
1977	223	226	-3
1978	232	232	0
1979	235	233	2
1980	245	238	7
1981	238	232	5
1982	240	228	12
1983	234	223	11
1984	228	221	7
1985	228	225	2
1986	222	224	-1
1987	226	214	12
1988	216	213	3
1989	199	206	-7
1990*	175	201	-26

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